

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method, comprising:
determining location information associated with a first network device connected
5 to a network; and
sending the location information to a second network device in a dynamic host
configuration protocol message.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
10 receiving a request for the location information from the second network device.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein the request comprises at least part of a dynamic host
configuration protocol message.
- 15 4. The method of claim 2, wherein the location information is sent at least in part in
response to the request.
5. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
detecting the connection of the second network device to the network.
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6. The method of claim 5, wherein the location information is sent at least in part in
response to the detected connection.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein the location information is sent as an option
25 parameter in the dynamic host configuration protocol message.
8. The method of claim 1, wherein the location information is stored by at least one
dynamic host configuration protocol server.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein the first network device is a network access point.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein the first network device is a dynamic host configuration protocol server.

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11. The method of claim 1, wherein the determining comprises retrieving the location information from a storage device.

12. The method of claim 1, wherein the determining comprises sensing the location information.

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13. A method, comprising:

receiving a dynamic host configuration protocol message, the message containing location information associated with a first network device; and

15 storing the location information.

14. The method of claim 13, further comprising:

sending the location information to a second network device in a dynamic host configuration protocol message.

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15. The method of claim 13, wherein the first network device is a network access point.

16. The method of claim 13, wherein the first network device is a dynamic host configuration protocol server.

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17. A method, comprising:

receiving, at a network device, a dynamic host configuration protocol message, the message containing location information; and

setting a parameter of the network device based at least in part on the received location information.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein the parameter is a time-zone setting.

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19. The method of claim 17, wherein the location information is associated with the network device.

20. A dynamic host configuration protocol message, comprising:

10 location information associated with a network device.

21. The dynamic host configuration protocol message of claim 20, wherein the network device is a network access point.

15 22. The dynamic host configuration protocol message of claim 20, wherein the network device is a dynamic host configuration protocol server.

23. The dynamic host configuration protocol message of claim 20, wherein the location information is an option parameter in the dynamic host configuration protocol message.

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24. An apparatus, comprising:

 a storage medium having stored thereon instructions that when executed by a machine result in the following:

25 determining location information associated with a first network device connected to a network; and

 sending the location information to a second network device in a dynamic host configuration protocol message.

25. The apparatus of claim 24, further comprising:

receiving a request for the location information from the second network device.

26. An apparatus, comprising:

5 a storage medium having stored thereon instructions that when executed by a machine result in the following:
receiving a dynamic host configuration protocol message, the message containing location information associated with a first network device; and
storing the location information.

10 27. The apparatus of claim 26, further comprising:

sending the location information to a second network device in a dynamic host configuration protocol message.

28. An apparatus, comprising:

15 a storage medium having stored thereon instructions that when executed by a machine result in the following:
receiving, at a network device, a dynamic host configuration protocol message, the message containing location information; and
20 setting a parameter of the network device based at least in part on the received location information.

29. The apparatus of claim 28, wherein the parameter is a time-zone setting.

30. A system, comprising:

25 a server connected to a network, the server having:
a communication path for sending and receiving dynamic host configuration protocol messages;
a memory for storing computer executable code; and

a processor for executing the program code stored in memory, wherein the program code includes:

code to process a dynamic host configuration protocol message containing location information associated with a network device; and

5 code to store the location information.

31. The system of claim 30, further comprising:

a database for storing the location information.